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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.192(c)

Dear Sir:

Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.192(c) dated May 22, 2002, Applicants have submitted herewith this new Appeal Brief in triplicate.

In the new Appeal Brief, claims 5 and 6 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. The respective groupings of claims 37 and 38 also have been corrected. It is noted that Applicants' representative has used the phrase "but alone from all other active claims of the application" in the past without objection. The phrase merely serves to elaborate that the

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identified group of claims should stand or fall apart from, *i.e.*, irrespective of, other claims excluded from the group. The deletion of this phrase from the new Appeal Brief is not believed to change the original intent of the claim groupings.

Finally, the new Appeal Brief has been updated to reflect the rejection of claims 35-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Approval and entry of the accompanying new Appeal Brief and continued prosecution of this appeal are respectfully requested.

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